

Amendment

In the Claims

By this amendment, claim 54 is canceled. Claims 55, 56 and 57 are new.

Claims 2, 3, 5, 8, and 45-53 are currently amended. The claims are as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, further comprising at least one attachment structure ~~adapted to~~ selected from the group consisting of a hook, an eye bolt and combinations thereof at each end of a strap, wherein one end of the strap is connected to the floatation apparatus and the other end of the strap is connected to an object, in order to secure the floatation apparatus to the object.
3. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 2, wherein the object is a railing of a swimming pool.
4. (Canceled)
5. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 2 14, ~~wherein the swimming pool comprises a shading structure removably attached to the swimming pool, wherein the floatation apparatus is further adapted to be secured to the shading structure, and wherein the shading structure is adapted to provide shade for the floatation apparatus~~

further comprising at least one resilient member, wherein one end of the resilient member is connected to a shade structure and the other end of the resilient member is attached to the floatation apparatus on apparatus and the other end of the strap is connected to an object, in order to secure the floatation apparatus to the object.

6. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 5, wherein the shading structure is selected from the group consisting of an umbrella and a canopy.

7. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 2, wherein the object is selected from the group consisting of a dock and a boat.

8. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, wherein the permanent buoyancy structure is ~~an inflatable buoyancy structure~~ selected from the group consisting of an inflatable buoyancy structure, a hollow tubular buoyancy structure, and a polystyrene buoyancy structure.

9. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, wherein the permanent buoyancy structure comprises a material selected from the group consisting of PVC, and polystyrene.

10. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, wherein the at least one removable buoyancy structure is an inflatable floatation structure.

11. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, wherein the at least one removable buoyancy structure comprises a material selected from the group

consisting of polyvinylchloride (PVC), and polystyrene.

12. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, wherein the platform structure comprises a material selected from the consisting of PVC, plastic, wood, and fiberglass.

13. (Canceled)

14. (previously presented) A floatation apparatus, comprising:

- a platform structure;

- a permanent buoyancy structure physically attached to a first side of the platform structure and

- at least one removable buoyancy structure removably attached to the floatation apparatus, wherein the floatation apparatus is portable, wherein the floatation apparatus is adapted to float on water, wherein the platform structure is adapted to support a pet over the water, and wherein the platform structure comprises at least one bowl structure adapted to hold a supply of drinking water or food for the pet.

15. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a ramp structure, wherein the ramp structure is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the ramp structure is adapted to support the pet over the water.

16. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, further comprising a barrier structure around a perimeter of the platform structure, wherein the barrier structure

is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the barrier structure is adapted to restrain the pet from exiting the floatation apparatus.

17. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 14, wherein the platform structure comprises perforations adapted to drain a liquid from the platform structure.

18. (previously presented) A floatation apparatus, comprising:

a platform structure, wherein the platform structure comprises perforations adapted to drain a liquid from the platform structure;

a permanent buoyancy structure physically attached to a first side of the platform structure; and

at least one removable buoyancy structure removably attached to the floatation apparatus, wherein the floatation apparatus is portable, wherein the floatation apparatus is adapted to float on water, wherein the platform structure is adapted to support a pet over the water; and a membrane structure removably attached to a bottom side of the floatation apparatus, wherein the membrane structure is adapted to capture the liquid draining through the perforations.

19-40. (Canceled)

41. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, further comprising at least one attachment structure adapted to secure the floatation apparatus to an object.

42. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 41, wherein the object is a swimming pool.

43. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 42, wherein the swimming pool comprises a shading structure removably attached to the swimming pool, wherein the floatation apparatus is further adapted to be secured to the shading structure, and wherein the shading structure is adapted to provide shade for the floatation apparatus.

44. (previously presented) The floatation apparatus of claim 43, wherein the shading structure is selected from the group consisting of an umbrella and a canopy.

~~45~~ 44. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 41, wherein the object is selected from the group consisting of a dock and a boat.

~~46~~ 45. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the permanent buoyancy structure is ~~an inflatable buoyancy structure selected from the group consisting of an inflatable buoyancy structure, a hollow tubular buoyancy structure, and a polystyrene buoyancy structure.~~

~~47~~ 46. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the permanent buoyancy structure comprises a material selected from the group consisting of PVC, and polystyrene.

~~48~~ 47. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the at least

one removable buoyancy structure is an inflatable floatation structure.

49 ~~48~~. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the at least one removable buoyancy structure comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyvinylchloride (PVC), and polystyrene.

50 ~~49~~. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the platform structure comprises a material selected from the consisting of PVC, plastic, wood, and fiberglass.

51 ~~50~~. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, wherein the floatation apparatus is adapted to float on water, and wherein the platform structure is adapted to support a pet over the water.

52 ~~51~~. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, further comprising a ramp structure, wherein the ramp structure is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the ramp structure is adapted to support the pet over the water.

53 ~~52~~. (currently amended) The floatation apparatus of claim 18, further comprising a barrier structure around a perimeter of the platform structure, wherein the barrier structure is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the barrier structure is adapted to restrain the pet from exiting the floatation apparatus.

54 ~~53~~. (canceled).

55. (New) A floatation apparatus, comprising:

a recessed platform structure, wherein the recessed platform structure is recessed with respect to a top surface of a first buoyancy structure, forming a first side of the recessed platform structure, wherein the first buoyancy structure is physically attached to the recessed first side of the recessed platform structure and

at least one removable buoyancy structure removably attached to the recessed first side of the recessed platform structure, wherein the floatation apparatus is portable, and wherein the floatation apparatus is adapted to float on water.

56. (New) A floatation apparatus, comprising:

a recessed platform structure, wherein the recessed platform structure is recessed with respect to a top surface of a first buoyancy structure and a top surface of an at least one removable buoyancy structure, forming a first side of the recessed platform structure, wherein the first buoyancy structure is physically attached to the recessed first side of the recessed platform structure and the at least one removable buoyancy structure is removably attached to the recessed first side of the recessed platform structure.